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1. FOOD AND DRUG ACT OF JAPAN REQUIRES THAT ALL CANDY MANUFACTURED AND PACKAGED IN JAPAN MUST INDICATE ON PACKAGE THE BRAND NAME, NAME AND ADDRESS OF MANUFACTURER, AND ANY ADDITIVES. ACCORDINGLY, IF QTE FLAG CANDY UNQTE BEING SOLD IN NEW YORK WAS PACKAGED IN JAPAN, NAME OF JAPANESE MANUFACTURER WOULD BE SHOWN ON PACKAGE.

2. JAPAN CONFECTIONERY BETTER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CHECKED ALL MAJOR CANDY MANUFACTURERS ON EMBASSY'S BEHALF, AS WELL AS CUSTOMS BONDED WAREHOUSE COOPERATIVE. NO ONE KNEW OF ANY JAPANESE COMPANY MAKING OR EXPORTING FLAG CANDY.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE BELIEVES POSSIBILITY STRONG THAT SUBJECT CANDY WAS MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN, BUT PACKAGE D IN USA OR ELSEWHERE INTO THE US FLAG BOXES. THIS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR BOX SAYING ONLY QTE PRODUCT OF JAPAN UNQTE AND NOT CONTAINING REQUIRED INFO GIVEN IN PARA ONE ABOVE.
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